

To: Current & Future Educational Interpreters
Date: November 7, 2007
Subject: EIPA Test

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DODHH) are now working with the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Evaluation Center, located at Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska, to provide assessment of educational interpreters. Janet Jurus, Rebecca Shriner, Joy Thomassen, and Joyce Washington will serve as the EIPA Local Testing Administrators in Michigan.

The application cost for this assessment is \$25 for current K-12 educational interpreters who are taking the test for the first time in Michigan. MDE will pay the EIPA fee of \$275, for a limited time. The full fee is for those who are re-taking the test or for candidates who wish to become an educational interpreter. The DODHH now has a contract with Boys Town to offer the EIPA exam to retesting applicants, non-educational interpreters, and those out of state applicants wanting to test in Michigan. There are limited slots available.

We started offering testing in March of 2007 and will be offering testing slots each month. Please scroll down three pages to see 2008 EIPA testing dates and locations.

If you are interested in taking the test, please quickly send in your appropriate application and fee. The MDE-LIO office will confirm the receipt of your processed application and payment through e-mail. Please call the MDE-LIO office to schedule a testing date, after receiving this contact.

To learn more about the EIPA test, look up information in the following link:
<http://www.boystownhospital.org/eipa/performance/index.asp>

The DODHH is simply proctoring the test. Collette Bauman is the contact person for questions deciding if you qualify as an educational interpreter.

Sincerely Yours,

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Michigan Registration Form for First-Time Test Takers under MDE Contract

Name:			
Address:			Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Work phone:
Email address:			
Name of school where you interpret:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
*School Supervisor's name and title (Print):		School Supervisor's email:	
*School Supervisor's signature:		School Supervisor's Phone:	

***A Supervisor's signature is required** when the application is completed by a current K-12 educational interpreter who is taking the test for the first time. The educational interpreter will pay \$25 and MDE will pay the remaining EIPA fee of \$275. **This signature must be from the school personnel in your district for which you are currently employed.**

I want to be EIPA evaluated with: ELEMENTARY material SECONDARY material
(Circle one)

I will be interpreting using: ASL PSE MCE (Circle one)

Fee Enclosed:

[] \$25 for Educational Interpreters taking EIPA test first time

Make checks or money order payable to "State of Michigan" and mail it with this form to:

EIPA – Attention: Ann Langley
Michigan Department of Education
Low Incidence Outreach
1505 W. Court St. Suite 227
Flint, MI 48503-5002

Without an e-mail address, the MDE-LIO office can not give receipt confirmation.

For office use only:

Date received:		Check number:	
Date confirmation sent:		Date confirmation from Boys Town:	
Date of test:	Time:	Location:	

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Michigan Registration Form for Test Takers under the DODHH contract

Name:			
Address:			Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Work phone:
Email address:			
Name of school where you interpret (if applicable):			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:

For retesting applicants, non-educational interpreters, and those out of state applicants wanting to take the EIPA in Michigan the fee is \$375.00 for 2008 testing dates.

I want to be EIPA evaluated with: ELEMENTARY material SECONDARY material
(Circle one)

I will be interpreting using: ASL PSE MCE (Circle one)

Fee Enclosed:

[] *\$375 for Educational Interpreters re-testing, out of state applicants, and non-educational interpreters applying for the EIPA test

*On the day of testing, an applicant must have paid the correct amount for the current year.

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Michigan Performance Testing Dates

April-December, 2008

April 4, 2008 (Friday)	Grand Rapids	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
April 10, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
April 18, 2008 (Friday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
May 8, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
May 15, 2008 (Thursday)	Traverse City	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
May 23, 2008 (Friday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
June 6, 2008 (Friday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
June 19, 2008 (Thursday)	Grand Rapids	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
June 20, 2008 (Friday)	Grand Rapids	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
July 10, 2008 (Thursday)	Bloomfield Hills	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
July 17, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
July 31, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
August 4, 2008 (Monday)	Bloomfield Hills	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
August 21, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
August 28, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
September 12, 2008 (Friday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
September 25, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
October 16, 2008 (Thursday)	Traverse City	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
October 23, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
November 7, 2008 (Friday)	Grand Rapids	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
November 20, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
December 11, 2008 (Thursday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm
December 19, 2008 (Friday)	Lansing	8:00 am, 10:00am, 12:00pm/noon, & 2:00 pm

Please keep in mind these locations could change should there not be enough interest in sites outside of Lansing. Also, a date displayed is not a guarantee that the date is still available.